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1. The airfield is located about 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ km SW of Butovo (55°37'N/37°36'E), west of the double-track railroad line from Podolsk (55°23'N/37°30'E) to Moscow. The 3 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ km field had a railroad connection and a runway at least 30 meters wide. Leveling and repair work was always in progress at the field.
2. The field had the following installations: One hangar; two workshops; about eight three-story quartering buildings, each 30 x 8 meters; one administration building; and a weather and a radio station. The radio station had three radio towers about 20 meters high. Fuel dumps were available, probably underground. The field was equipped with lighting facilities for landings at night, and a revolving searchlight.
3. The field was occupied by twin-engine aircraft (radial engines, similar in type to the US twin-engine aircraft seen in the US Zone of Germany), four-engine planes and single-engine fighters, some fitted partly with in-line engines, and some with radial engines.
4. There was intensive day and night flying at the field. The twin-engine aircraft were usually loaded with mail and courier material, while the four-engine craft were employed for the transport of soldiers with their weapons and equipment. The aircraft took off and landed individually. The fighters were seen practicing take-offs and landings.
5. The field is located about 8 km SW of Butovo and was bordered by a woods on the north. On the other sides the terrain surrounding the field was open. The field had no railroad connection, but such a connection was planned for 1950, according to Soviet civilians. The entire field was being improved. The old runway was constructed in a width of 25 meters and a length of about 4,000 meters in the summer of 1949. The construction of a runway was completed in October 1949. Work was then started on the construction of a runway of the same dimensions, located about 500 meters south of the first runway. This runway was also to be provided with a hard surface. At the same time another P. detail

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worked on the construction of a third runway about 1 km north of the old runway. According to civilians, this runway was to be reserved for fighter planes. An asphalt taxiway about 15 meters wide ran along the northern, southern and eastern sides of the field.

6. Six hangars about 40x20 meters each and occupied by single-engine fighters were located on the northern border of the field. The airfield personnel were quartered in four wooden buildings on the southern edge of the field. A "foundation" 30x30 meters was seen in front of the wooden buildings. A radio station was east of the field.
7. The airfield was occupied by about 100 twin-engine commercial planes, and by about the same number of single-engine fighters, some fitted with radial engines and some with in-line engines. Their landing gear retracted outward.
8. Flying seemed to have been on a limited scale because of the construction work. The fighters practiced formation flying and aerial fighting.

1 Annex: Layout Sketch of Lutovo Airfield.

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